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RE: PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Per your conversation with my assistant, Linda Woods earlier today.

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In re the Application of:

William Randolph ABERNETHY

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Confirmation No. 9563

Filed: September 29, 2000

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For: A BASKET TRADING SYSTEM HAVING AN INTERFACE FOR USER SPECIFICATION
OF GOODS TO BE TRADED AS A UNIT

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 22, 2004, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement and stamped return receipt postcard showing that the Restriction Requirement was timely filed and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

It is requested that the hold of abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, applicant(s) elect(s) Claims 1-31 and 33-41 of Group 1, without traverse.

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